

Remarks

Claims 50-51 are pending.

Claims 51-58 have been cancelled without prejudice.

New claims 59 and 63 have been added to rewrite claims 10 and 22 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and, also, to re-number dependent claims 11-13.

Additionally, the new claims incorporate a corrected version of the structure of claims 10 and 22 such that the structure includes the "R₆ " substituent.

And, claim 63 rewrites claim 22 to delete the "hydrogen" element from Markush groups of R₂, R₃, R₄, and R₆ in accordance with the "proviso" of original claim 17.

Support for the amendment is found in the claims as originally filed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Keys for yesterday's helpful telephonic interview. During the telephone call, we discussed the Office Action dated November 28, 2003 in which the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 10-13 and 22-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. We further discussed Applicants response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004.

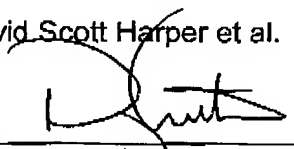
In reviewing Applicant's amendment, the Examiner noted omissions and inconsistencies in the claims the correction of which would put the case in condition for allowance.

This amendment corrects the relevant portions of the claims. Accordingly, this amendment should, therefore, put the case in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 50 and 59-63 are allowable and request that the case be passed to issue.

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